

Mountain Goat Specific Information

Licenses and General Information

- An applicant who receives a mountain goat license is not eligible to apply for or receive another license for mountain goat for the following 7 years (see 7 Year Wait chart).
- License holders may legally take one mountain goat subject to all specifications on the license issued.

7 Year Wait	
Year License Drawn	Year May Reapply
2009	2017
2010	2018
2011	2019
2012	2020
2013	2021
2014	2022
2015	2023

Mountain Goat License Auction

- Legislation authorizes the Fish & Wildlife Commission to provide for the auction of one mountain goat license each year. This license authorizes the hunter to take an either-sex mountain goat in any district of his/her choice. If this license holder is successful, the mountain goat will not be counted against the district quota. License holders may hunt only in areas open to mountain goat hunting.
- The auction is held annually during the winter by a conservation organization that is preselected by the F&W Commission.
- Hunting is authorized for the next hunting season, not the current year's hunting season.
- Money raised through the license auction is used for management of mountain goat.

Mountain Goat Mandatory Reporting Requirements

A hunter harvesting a mountain goat must present the complete head with horns attached or the top portion of the skull with horns attached to a department official within 10 days of the date of kill. See page 49 for FWP office phone numbers.

Mountain Goat HD Regulations

Residents are eligible to apply for any of the following licenses. Nonresidents are restricted to certain districts. Nonresidents are limited to, but not guaranteed 10 percent of a region's quota. **Districts where nonresidents may apply are listed on the moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat nonresident application, but may change when final quotas are set in July.**

-- 100 Cabinet Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

100-20: 6 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 101 West Cabinet Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

101-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 131 Mission Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

131-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 132 Swan-Salmon --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

132-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 133 Swan-Clearwater --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

133-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 134 Swan-Bunker --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

134-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 140 Great Northern --

Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 16-17): BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

140-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 141 Lower Middle Fork --

Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 16-17): BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

141-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 142 Upper Middle Fork --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

142-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 150 Continental Divide --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

150-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 151 Danaher --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

151-20: 1 license.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 212 North Flint Range --

CLOSED

-- 222 East Pintler --

CLOSED

-- 223 West Pintler --

CLOSED

-- 240 West Bitterroot --

Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 16-17): Lee Metcalf Refuge

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

240-20: 2 licenses.

- Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 250 West Fork Bitterroot --

CLOSED

-- 261 Sapphire Range --

Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 16-17): Lee Metcalf Refuge

CLOSED

-- 270 East Fork Bitterroot --

CLOSED

-- 280 North Blackfoot --

CLOSED

-- 312 Pioneer --

Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 16-17): Poindexter Slough FAS south of Dillon

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

312-20: 8 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 313 Crazy Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

313-20: 30 licenses. Either-sex Mountain Goat

- Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

313-30: 25 licenses. Female Mountain Goat

- Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Adult Female Mountain Goat.

-- 314 Gallatin Range --

Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 16-17): Beattie Gulch: Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice; Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

314-20: 30 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 316 Cooke City --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

316-20: 12 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 320 Tobacco Root Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

320-20: 3 licenses.

- Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 321 Medicine Lodge-Big Sheep --

CLOSED

-- 322 South Big Hole --

CLOSED

-- 323 South Absaroka --

*Check Restricted Area Descriptions: Gardiner
CLOSED to hunting of all big game*

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

323-20: 38 licenses.

• Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 324 Spanish Peaks --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

324-20: 6 licenses.

• Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 325 Jack Creek-Indian Creek --

*Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 16-17):
Ennis Airport Weapons Restriction Area*

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

325-20: 4 licenses.

• Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 326 Indian Creek-Wolf Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

326-20: 2 licenses.

• Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 327 Wolf Creek-Papoose Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

327-20: 4 licenses.

• Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 328 Papoose Creek-Rock Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

328-20: 2 licenses.

• Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 329 Hellroaring-Slough Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

329-20: 15 licenses.

• Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 330 North Absaroka --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

330-20: 3 licenses.

• Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 331 Snowcrest Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

331-20: 3 licenses.

• Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 332 Sleeping Giant --

CLOSED

-- 340 Highland --

CLOSED

-- 361 Hebgen-Upper Madison --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

361-20: 2 licenses.

• Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 362 Cabin Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

362-20: 6 licenses.

• Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 380 Radersburg --

CLOSED

-- 393 Bridgers --

*Check Restricted Area Legal Description (p 16-17):
Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area*

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

393-20: 5 licenses.

• Sep 01 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 414 North Teton --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

414-20: 1 license.

• Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 415 Birch Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

415-20: 3 licenses.

• Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 442 South Teton --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

442-20: 1 license.

• Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 447 Square Butte --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

447-20: 2 licenses.

• Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 453 South Big Belt Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

453-20: 2 licenses.

• Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 460 Highwood Mountains --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

460-20: 4 licenses.

• Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 514 Line Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

514-20: 2 licenses.

• Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 517 Rock Creek --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

517-20: 4 licenses.

• Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 518 Froze-to-Death --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

518-20: 3 licenses.

• Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

-- 519 Fishtail --

Goat License. Drawing only. Apply by May 2.

519-20: 1 license.

• Sep 15 - Nov 27 - Either-sex Mountain Goat.

Mountain Goat Hunting District Legal Descriptions

100 Cabinet Mountains: Those portions of Lincoln and Sanders Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning where Route 56 (Bull River Road) meets U.S. Highway 2, then southeasterly along said highway to Libby, then southerly along U.S. Highway 2 to Silver Butte Road 54, then southwesterly along said road to East Fisher Creek Road 154, then easterly and southerly along said road over East Fisher-Vermilion River divide and down Willow Creek and the Vermilion River westerly along said road to State Route 200, then westerly along said route to the junction of Route 56 (Bull River Road), then northerly along said route to U.S. Highway 2, the point of beginning.

101 West Cabinet Mountains: Those portions of Lincoln and Sanders Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning on State Route 200 at the Idaho border, then easterly along said route to Route 56 (Bull River Road), then north along said route to U.S. Highway 2, then westerly along said highway to the Idaho border, then south along said border to State Route 200, the point of beginning.

131 Mission Mountains: Those portions of Lake and Missoula Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning where Route 83 crosses the Swan-Clearwater Divide (Lolo National Forest boundary), then along said divide in a southwesterly direction to the Flathead Indian Reservation boundary, then northerly along said boundary to USFS Trail 17, then easterly along said trail to its junction with the South Fork of Woodward Creek Road, then east along said road to Route 83, then southerly along said route to the Swan-Clearwater Divide, the point of beginning.

132 Swan-Salmon: Those portions of Flathead, Lake, Missoula and Powell Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning on Route 83 at the junction of Goat Creek Road, then easterly and northerly along said road to the Napa Creek Road, then easterly along said road to USFS Trail 31, then easterly on said trail to USFS Trail 218, then easterly along said trail toward Inspiration Point and down Gorge Creek to USFS Trail 115, then easterly and northerly along said trail to Bunker Creek, then easterly down said creek to the South Fork of the Flathead River, then southerly up said river to Big Salmon River, then southerly up said river to USFS Trail 80, then westerly along said trail to USFS Trail 110, then westerly and southerly along said trail to USFS Trail 212, then southeasterly along said trail to the Pendant Creek Trail, then southerly along said trail over the main Swan Range Divide to upper Holland Lake and Holland Lake Trail 35, then westerly along said trail to the Owl Creek Loop Road, then northerly and westerly along said road and the Holland Lake Road to Route 83, then northerly along said route to Goat Creek Road, the point of beginning.

133 Swan-Clearwater: Those portions of Missoula and Powell Counties lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning on Route 83 at the Holland Lake Road, then easterly along said road and the Owl Creek Loop Road to the Upper Holland Lake Trail 35, then easterly along said trail to Upper Holland Lake and Pendant Creek Trail, then northerly and easterly on said trail to USFS Trail 212 (Shaw Creek), then northerly on said trail to the USFS Trail 110 (Big Salmon), then northerly and easterly along said trail to the USFS Trail 80 (South Fork), then southerly on said trail to Big Salmon Creek, then down said creek to the South Fork of the Flathead River, then in a southerly direction along the South Fork to Youngs Creek, then southerly and westerly along said creek to USFS Trail 125 (Haun Creek), then southerly on said trail to Haun Pass at the Lolo National Forest boundary, then westerly along said boundary to the Swan Divide at Wolverine Peak, then westerly along the Flathead-Lolo National Forest boundary to Route 83 at the Swan-Clearwater Divide, then northerly on said route to the Holland Lake Road, the point of beginning.